

TWENTY-FIFTH BATTALION.

(BINGHAM'S BATTALION.)

By THE EDITOR.

This was a battalion of three companies which was organized in the winter of 1864-'65 in Watauga and adjacent counties for their protection from Kirk and similar characters. Harvey H. Bingham was elected Major. As mentioned by Judge Avery in his history of *Avery's Battalion* (Seventeenth Battalion *ante*) Bingham and his battalion were captured by a force sent out from Franklin's Division, then at Bristol, Va., in February or March, 1865.

UNATTACHED COMPANIES.

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Gradually unattached companies were absorbed by neighboring battalions and regiments, but many companies remained *unattached* to the very last. We have no means of ascertaining exactly how many. On 10 June, 1864, the following are mentioned: Two companies State cavalry, two of infantry and Captain Jno. W. Galloway's Coast Guard, 69 *Off. Rec. Union and Confed. Armies*, 892, 893. Spencer's and Pitts' unattached companies were reported at Plymouth September, 1864. 88 *Off. Rec. Union and Confed. Armies*, 1226. Two such companies commanded by Captains H. P. Allen and E. D. Sneed were ordered to Wilmington 28 October, 1864, 89 *Off. Rec. Union and Confed. Armies*, 1181.